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EXDIS FOR AMBASSADOR LEONARD FROM BAKER

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AORG, UNICEF

SUBJECT: SELECTION OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR:
YOUR LUNCHEON WITH SYG WALDHEIM MAY 13

ABIDJAN FOR MAYNES

REF: ABIDJAN 4705

1. BILL MAYNES AND I FEEL WE SHOULD PUSH AHEAD WITH SYG
ON APPOINTMENT OF GRANT AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF UNICEF
SEPARATELY FROM ANY PACKAGE DEAL RE MICHANEK FOR HANNAH
JOB. BELIEVE YOU SHOULD DELIVER AIDE MEMOIRE MAYNES
PREPARED FOR WALDHEIM AT LATTERS'S REQUEST AT YOUR
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MAY 13 LUNCHEON WITH HIM.

2. GRANT TELLS US LABOUISSSE SAW WALDHEIM MAY 6 AND
LATTER ASKED HIM TO STAY ON ANOTHER YEAR. LABOUISSSE
DECLINED, SAYING HE HAD COMMITTED HIMSELF TO STEPPING
DOWN. WALDHEIM TOLD LABOUISSSE HE PERSONALLY PRE-
FERRED TO APPOINT GRANT, IF HE COULD, BUT HE FELT UNDER

TREMENDOUS NORDIC PRESSURE. IN SEPARATE MEETING WITH
CHAIRMAN OF UNICEF EXECUTIVE BOARD ORDONEZ-PLAJA (COLOMBIA)
WALDHEIM REPORTEDLY TOLD HIM HE WOULD NOT MAKE DECISION

BEFORE UNICEF BOARD MEETING. WALDHEIM REPEATED HE WAS
UNDER TREMENDOUS NORDIC PRESSURE AND ADDED HE THOUGHT
NORDICS HAD STRONG CASE.

3. IN TALKING WITH WALDHEIM, YOU MAY WISH TO EMPHASIZE:

-- GRANT HAS HIGHEST QUALIFICATIONS WHICH WELL EXCEED
MICHANEK'S

-- GRANT'S EXTENSIVE FIELD EXPERIENCE AND FUND RAISING
ABILITIES

-- FOR PAST THIRTY YEARS USG AND PRIVATE AMERICANS HAVE
BEEN LARGEST SINGLE CONTRIBUTORS OF SUPPORT TO UNICEF

-- IMPORTANCE TO ADMINISTRATION'S SUCCESSFUL BACKING OF
UN OF UNICEF POST GOING TO AN AMERICAN

-- USG WOULD FIND IT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT TO EXPLAIN TO
CONGRESS, IF POST WENT TO LESS QUALIFIED CANDIDATE
FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY

-- NORDIC COUNTRIES HAVE HELD SIGNIFICANT POSTS AND STILL
DO IN UN SYSTEM (AS NOTED IN AIDE MEMOIRE). CHRISTOPHER

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